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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday	7:30 P. M.

The stereopticon lectures have been well attended and great interest has been shown in these services. There will be two more lectures in the present course, March 7th, subject, Social Problems. March 21st, A Mission Study Japan and the Japanese. Both of these topics promise to be very interesting and instructive, especially the one on Social Problems. We wish our men would make a special effort to get out the men for that evening. The pastor has been asked to give this lecture at the R. R. Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon, March 7th, for the railroad men and their families.

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Dr. Bomberger from Cleveland will be with us again during the Easter services. He will be here during the week preceding Easter week. We are sure our people will be pleased to learn that we shall have him with us again.

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Section No. 2 will give a supper Thursday evening, March 25th, in connection with the Easter sale for which the women are preparing.

Dr. Coblenz will entertain the young People's Society at his home, 921 West Berry street, March 4th. The Dr. will be glad to have all the young people of the church at this meeting.

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The pastor will deliver a series of lectures on the New Testament Church at the Fort Wayne Bible School during the special conference in the early part of March.

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The pastor is under many obligations to Mr. and Mrs. Leikauf for a liberal supply of engraved stationary and plates. Both engraving and stationary are certainly beautiful. Many thanks.

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The adult Bible Class is still growing. The new accessions to the class on a recent Sunday, were Mrs. D. Wilbert, Mrs. J. P. Dinger and Mr. William Botteran. The class meets every Sunday morning at 9:30.

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Section No. 1 gave a supper in the lecture rooms of the church on Thursday evening Feb. 4. They had a splendid supper and were well patronized. The net receipts were \$30. Section No. 2 will give the next supper, Thursday evening, March 25.

The ladies are preparing for an Easter sale, which they expect to hold Thursday, March 25. They are busy with their sewing at the church almost every week.

LADIES AID.

The following is a list of the sections as they are arranged for the year:

Section No. 2.—Managers, Mrs. Frank More, Mrs. John Schneider, Mrs. George Hesser; assistants, Mesdames C. H. Gumpfer, W. F. Close, Ed. Riley, A. C. Katt, Louisa Klinkenberg, Louis Bercot, Celia Horstman, Willis Pearce, C. C. Gumpfer, Josephine Grupe, Louise Graybill, Wm. Martin, John Bottger, A. R. Hills, Chas. Robinson, W. Hilbish, H. E. Vordermark, Mary Gooley, Catherine Saffen, S. D. Zeis, Frank Shunk, and Misses Mollie Schneider, Emma Bercot, Carrie Quickly, Anna Scheffler, Carrie Cour, Estella Bottger, Hazel Gooley, Frank Hilgeman, Dr. Coblentz.

Section 3.—Managers, Mrs. S. Wertman, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. Ed. Close, assistants, Mesdames Henry Kessler, W. G. Page, J. H. Brewer, Richard Weller, Catherine Romy, James Quinn, D. Null, Alfred Barbier, John Ruek, R. Druckenbrod, George Smith, James Eward, William Moore, F. W. King, Charles Kent, E. C. Close, Perry Archer, A. Guilaum, S. Schrack, Viola Kanning, John Riley, George Saffen, W. Habecker, F. Seegar, P. Heyman, Harry Metzner, Carl Kessler, George Gemmer, and Misses Frances Geminer, Ethel King, Lillie Moore, Anna Doerner, Williamine Saffen, Daisy Kelley, Bertha and Martha Carrol.

Section No. 4.—Managers, Mrs. Nellie Hildebrand, Mrs. Emma Bitner, Mrs. C. Waldo; assistants, Mesdames S. Duke-man, J. Rudisill, V. Momm, A. K. Zartman, J. W. Pearce, C. E. Crum, Frank Bercot, Luke Durnell, E. H. Masterson, C. Waldo, Ed. Warner, D. Long, John Sessler, D. F. Knott, Louisa Hilgeman, Ernest Payne, John Bieghler, J. C. Weiler, Roy Bitner, Wm. Bierbaum, F. Coopman, Marie Cummins, H. Bryant, Wm. Martin, Ed. Hessert, and Misses Lizzie Rudisill, Edith Hobson, Lulu and Bertha Bitner, Lottie Weiler, Anna Coopman.

Section No. 3.—Managers, Mrs. J. H.

Straub, Mrs. Margafet Weaver, Mrs. Calvin Hosler; assistants, Mesdames William Seabold, David Walters, D. Mullen, C. Hosler, Lena Fritz, Sarah Fosler, Margaret Weaver, Jennie Flor-ing, Alma Niedhammer, Jesse Benton, George Siebold, H. Kronmiller, John Smith, James Smith, Sadie Boals, L. Wilkening, Anna Gebert, Henrietta Trisch, Ed. Bevelheimer, Frede Schaaf, John Schlaudorf, Freda Kaeck, A. Kutsch, Susan Deahl, Sadie Hosler, Rachel Wells, Aima Chausse, B. T. Mains, A. M. Mains, Fredrick Roth, William Botteran, Victor Guebert, August Kutsch, and Misses Sybil and Gretchen Niedhammer, Anna Yeager, Bertha Weickart, Elnora and Irma Smith, Ethel Nerhood, Selma Kutsch.

Section No. 1 will serve supper Thursday evening, February 3rd. No. 2, March 25th; No. 3, May 6th; No. 4, July 1st; No. 5, Sept. 2nd.

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BIRTHS AND BAPTISMS.

A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metzner, Feb. 2nd.

A daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stringer, 236 South Calhoun street.

Mervine Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sproat, was baptized Thursday evening, Jan. 7th.

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21st, at the home, 1628 North Harrison street, Alfred John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Roeger, was baptized. He was born April 20th, 1908.

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23rd, in the rolling mill district at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lajos Dajka, their little daughter was christened, receiving the name of Klara Ilona. Mr. and Mrs. Dajka are Hungarians. Elder L. W. Hills was a witness to the baptism.

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They that wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.

THE SICK.

Howard Weickart was taken to the Hope hospital the latter part of last month for an operation. The doctor found him in a very serious condition, but he went through the operation all right and is doing splendidly. He was a very brave little fellow. He will be able to leave the hospital the latter part of this month.

Mrs. Fred Roth was out to church on a recent Sabbath for the first time since her operation at Hope hospital, the latter part of November. She has been shut in most of the winter. We were very glad to see her at the services again.

Mrs. Eberwine is very much better again and is able to be about in the house. When the spring weather comes we hope to see her able to be out doors again.

Mr John Beighler still continues to very poorly. He seems to be growing weaker each day. For almost two years he has been an invalid.

Mrs. Phillip Heyman is better and was able to be out to the services on a recent Sabbath.

Mr. Ed Siebold's little folks have been shut in with tonsilitis and have been very sick.

Earl Rogers has been ill with a bad cold and some bronchial trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Gebert on Heyden street have been seriously ill with pneumonia. They are both very much improved and are able to be up again.

Mrs. Klinkenberg was confined to the house for several weeks with rheumatism. Several of the children have also been sick.

George Ruck has been confined to the house for a week or longer on account of having his tonsils removed. He is getting all right and will be able to be out shortly.

At the congregational meeting held

recently at the close of a Sunday morning service, the consistory reported that about \$2,100 would be needed to meet the current expenses for the present year, and the members were asked to renew their pledges and increase them as much as possible. This budget of \$2,100 is to include all that will be needed for the year except the benevolent offerings. A good proportion of the members have signed new pledges and most of them have enlarged their subscriptions; some have even doubled what they had been giving in previous years. Those who have not signed pledges will be seen by members of the consistory, and an effort will be made to secure pledges from all the members in the church. At the close of the year there will be a published statement of the amount contributed by each family or member of the church. The consistory feels that it is only just to all in the church that every member, if possible, should sign a pledge and pay his amount to the current expenses, and the benevolent objects of the church. We believe it has been a matter of neglect more than anything else, that some have not signed pledges in former years and have failed to do their full duty to their church. Everybody knows that a church cannot exist without its expenses and that this must be met by the members of that church.

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Mrs. A. M. Henderson and Miss Maggie Haverly are again occupying their home on Erie street. After the fire, which they had, the house has been thoroughly repaired and they are again very comfortably situated in their own home.

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The women of the church had a sale of home-made pies, cakes etc., on a recent Saturday in the room of the Union Pacific Tea Co., 812 Calhoun street. They did so well that they will have another sale in a few weeks.

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The pastor's aunt, Mrs Margaret Zartman Foucht, who resided near Upper Sandusky, O., died Sabbath afternoon Feb. 7. She was born near Glenford, Perry county, O., July 27, 1827. She was aged 81 years, 6 months and 10 days. She was received into membership with the St. Paul's Reformed church near Glenford, O., when at the age of 17 years. During her entire life she remained identified with the Reformed church, and was one of the most devout and saintly women that we ever knew. She was one the Lord's consecrated, self-denying servants, full of faith and the Holy spirit. She had one purpose in life, to live and work for the Lord's kingdom. She was always happy and always saw the bright side of things, no matter how perplexing and difficult the work in the church, she was always confident of victory. Our earliest recollections of this aunt, was when she and her husband attended the Sunday school and church services at the old home tance of nearly five miles on horseback. We are safe in saying that for more than fifty years she was a teacher in the Sunday school. In the Emanuel's Reformed church near Upper Sandusky, she was teacher of the primary department for twenty-five years. She was a liberal supporter of our benevolent work in the church. She had no children of her own; but was always fond of children and was mother to a number of orphan children. She was a friend to every person, and in turn every one loved her. A few days before her death we had the privilege of spending several hours with her. She was barely able to know us and talk with us. She was in great distress and

suffering on that day, and seemed to us to be living more in the other world than in this. When he assured her that the day of her homegoing was not far distant, her face lit up with a heavenly radiance and she lifted up her frail hands and began to praise the name of her "blessed Jesus." She has now gone to her home of eternal rest and is with the Lord and the great company of friends who preceded her. She was the last of the pastor's father's family. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9. It was a sad disappointment to us that we could not attend the services. We had fully intended to go, but the weather was so bad, and not being at all well, we were afraid to undertake the trip. The Lord has taken this dear soul to himself, but her memory and life will tarry with us to encourage and upbraid us.

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The first week in the month the pastor spent a few days at Canton, O., with Mrs. Zartman's father. We found Mr. Conrad enjoying the very best of health for a man of his age. April 23rd he will celebrate his 86th birthday. We expect to see him at Fort Wayne some time in the spring. On our return from Canton we stopped off at Upper Sandusky to see Mrs. Margaret Foucht, our aged aunt, who was seriously ill, and has since gone to her eternal home. The day we were to see her, she was in great suffering, but was able to recognize us and talk with us. We were with her Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 3rd, and on the following Sunday the Lord took her to himself.

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Rev. Parley E. Zartman called at the parsonage on a recent afternoon. He is enjoying the best of health and Mrs. Zartman is improving.

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One of the greatest evidences of God's love to those that love Him is to send them afflictions with grace to bear them.

The Young Men's Welcome Committee was entertained at the parsonage Tuesday evening, Feb. 23rd. Matters relating to the committees' work were freely discussed. The treasurer read his yearly report after which the following officers were elected for the year: H. E. Vodermark, president; J. W. Brewer, vice-president; W. F. Close, secretary; Arthur Wieler, treasurer. The social part of the evening was spent in the nature of a George Washington birthday party. Facts and anecdotes concerning the first president were given by some of the men. At the next meeting to be held March 16th, at the home of retiring president Irving Bitner, the following will be the subject for a debate: "Resolved that Washington Performed a Greater Service for His Country than Lincoln." H. E. Vodermark will be the leader of the affirmative side, with the following assistants: Irving Bitner, W. A. Hobson, Arthur Weiler, Harry Metzger, Geo. Gemmer, Jno. Koepf, Negative, W. F. Close, Arthur Bitner, Ray Close, J. W. Brewer, Louis Wilkening, B. C. Hattel, Geo. Ruch. Dr. Zartman was chosen to act as judge. All the men of the church, young and old, are invited to this meeting.

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Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS.

February 28th—Mission Study in China. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

March 7th—Life Lessons for me from the Psalms. p6-46:1-11. Dr. Bertha Goba.

March 14th—What are our liquor laws and how are they enforced.—Duet. 4:1-9. Prayer meeting Com.

March 21st—Pilgrims Progress.—Series III. The Wicket Gate.—Matf. 7:7-14. Rev. A. K. Zartman.

March 28th—Missionary Study in China. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

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The George Washington birthday anniversary given in the lecture rooms of the church Friday evening, Feb. 19, happened to strike one of the most disagreeable evenings of the winter. About fifty boys and girls braved the storm and came to the church. The stereopticon slides were beautiful and were enjoyed by those who were present. Later in the spring when our birds come back again, we are going to have an evening with the birds. We will get a full set of slides of the birds we have in this country. This will make a very interesting and instructive evening for the children and for everybody.

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I said it in the meadow path;

I say it on the mountain stairs:—

The best things any mortal hath

Are those which every mortal shares.

* * * * * I am blest

Only in what they share with me.

In what I share with all the rest.

—Lucy Larcom.

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